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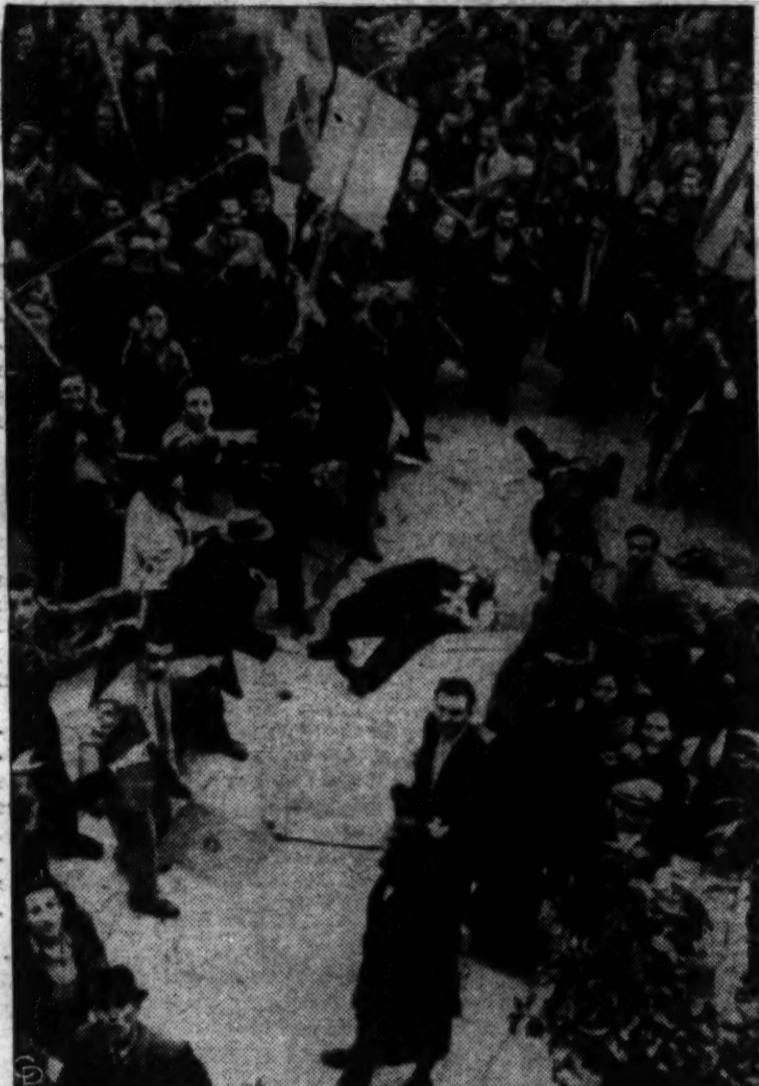


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# CIO IN CALL TO AFL FOR UNITED ACTION



**Murdered Athenians:** Shouting angrily, waving fists and pointing to the bodies of dead comrades, one of them a woman, these ELAS sympathizers denounce the quisling troops of Premier Papandreu.

## Murray Cites Common Issues; Green Hastily Rejects Bid

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By ADAM LAPIN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—CIO President Philip Murray today told AFL President William Green—and through him the membership of the AFL—that the time has come for labor to get together on the legislative front.

In a letter to Green which was a ringing call for unity of labor on the great issues of the day, Murray said the one obstacle standing in the way of a successful fight for the President's program of 60,000,000 jobs and on other measures is that "organized labor is not united on a broad program of action."

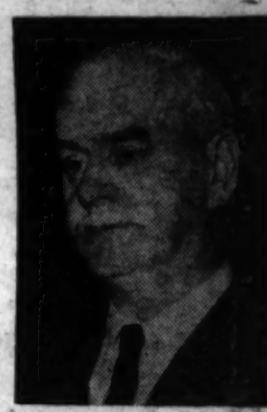
Murray said labor will succeed, through "joint effort, in defeating the reactionary forces and help to win the war and establish a permanent peace with economic security for the common man."

Wage revision, legislation on the human side of reconversion and extension of Social Security were some of the issues on which labor should unite, Murray declared.

During the election campaign, said Murray, "the unity within the ranks of labor provided the initiative and propelling force" for mobilizing the people behind the President and progressive congressional candidates.

He declared the elections have created a favorable situation for the passage of progressive legislation, and that labor has "a special interest" in seeing that the popular

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PHILIP MURRAY

## U. S. Defines Stand on Poland

Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius made public yesterday a clear statement of American policy toward Poland, reaffirming the refusal of the United States to guarantee specific frontiers, but ex-

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pressing "no objection" to the settlement of the issue by "friendly conference and agreement" between the nations directly concerned.

The Secretary of State, keeping last Friday's promise to make a frank statement within a few days, emphasized the American desire for a "strong, free and independent Polish state, with the untrammelled right of the Polish people to order their internal existence as they see fit."

This declaration jibes with British and Soviet policy along the same lines.

Recalling that the United States has consistently favored postponing all boundary disputes until after the war, Stettinius quoted a declaration by his predecessor, Cordell Hull of April 9, which said: "This does not mean that certain ques-

tions may not be and should not in the meantime be settled by friendly conference and mutual agreement."

Stettinius also pledged that "if the government and people of Poland decide upon the transfer of national groups" as a result of such a settlement, the United States will help, so far as is practicable.

The effect of this passage is to encourage a settlement between Poland and the Soviet Union, and leaves the way open for a revision of Polish borders, both in the east and the west.

The State Department position refutes those who claimed that the United States had no policy. At the same time, it encourages British, Polish and Soviet moves to settle the problem quickly.

Since the Tomasz Arciszewski government-in-exile gains no comfort from the U. S. declaration, it now remains either for Stanislaw Mikolajczyk, former Polish premier, to take the reins of government and reach a settlement, or to join with the Polish Committee of National Liberation for the same purpose.

## High Court Outlaws Anti-Negro Bias

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## ELAS Attacks Athens Jail

British Evacuate Garrison  
And Quisling Prisoners

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## Advance in Hungary

Red Army Hurls Nazis Back  
Into Slovakia on 68-Mile Front

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# Soviets Gain On Slovakia Border

LONDON, Dec. 18 (UP).—Soviet troops, fighting to clear northeastern Hungary, have hurled the Germans back into eastern Slovakia on a 68-mile front north of Miskolc, Moscow announced tonight, while the Free Hungarian radio said Soviet forces had hammered to within a mile of beleaguered Budapest and smashed into Rakospalota.

Moscow's broadcast war bulletin announced that the Red Army had driven the Nazis from a huge bulge north of the Hegyalja mountains, in an area 120 miles northeast of Budapest, and smashed to within 14 miles of the Slovakian rail junction of Kassa.

The drive was aimed at wiping out a Nazi salient bulging some 110 miles eastward into Slovakia and linking Soviet forces along the northern border of the Nazi puppet state.

Moscow announced that the Soviet forces in their northward thrust, had captured the town of Hidas Nemeti, 14 miles south of Kassa, which is on the vital Presov-Tarnow railroad running across Slovakia to southwestern Poland. The bulletin said that in the fighting which carried the Soviets up to the Slovak border on a 68-mile front, 1,850 Germans were captured.

## Subs Sink 33 Japanese Ships

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (UP).—American submarines have sunk 33 more Japanese vessels, including 12 warships, in devastating sweeps against the enemy's supply lines, the Navy announced today.

The combatant ships sunk were one light cruiser, three destroyers, six escort vessels, one mine sweeper and one mine layer. Enemy non-combatant losses were two tankers, 17 cargo vessels and two cargo transports.

## U.S. November Loss In Europe 57,775

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (UP).—The War Department disclosed tonight that U. S. ground forces in western Europe suffered 57,775 casualties during November, bringing the over-all figure since D-Day to 258,124.

### 150,000 Scot Workers Protest Greece Policy

LONDON, Dec. 18 (UP).—Calling off a proposed one-day work stoppage, 150,000 western Scotland shipyard and factory workers today held protest meetings instead and approved resolutions demanding an armistice in Greece.

Workers of about 200 factories and shipyards gathered at entrance gates. Protest telegrams were wired Prime Minister Churchill.

## Loyal Nisei Should Be Freed, High Court Rules

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (UP).—The Supreme Court ruled unanimously today that interned Japanese-American citizens whose loyalty has been established should be liberated from camps of the War Relocation Authority, giving legal substance to an Army order to that effect issued last night.

The decision was in the case of Mitsuye Endo, 22-year-old Japanese-American woman now in the Topaz, Utah, relocation camp.

The opinion was delivered by Justice William O. Douglas. "Loyalty," he said, "is a thing of heart and mind, not of race, creed or color."

At the same time the court, by 6 to 3, ruled constitutional as of the time it was carried out the war-emergency program under which Japanese-Americans were evacuated from the West Coast shortly after Pearl Harbor to inland relocation centers.

The second decision was delivered by Justice Hugo L. Black. It answered an appeal by Fred Toyosaburo Korematsu, a Japanese of California birth who was given a five-year probationary sentence for failing to report to an evacuation station.

"We uphold the exclusion order as of the time it was made and when the petitioner violated it," Black said. "In doing so, we are not unmindful of the hardships imposed by it upon a large group of American citizens."



The Stars and Stripes was borne through the streets of Athens by Greek patriots in a recent liberation demonstration.

### Nisei Will Return Gradually: Ickes

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (UP).—Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes promised today that there will be no "hasty mass movements" of loyal Japanese-Americans back to their former homes on the west coast.

He said, however, that the western defense command's revocation of blanket exclusion orders affecting Pacific coast evacuees who are loyal and law-abiding Americans means that such evacuees have a right to go back to their homes if they wish to.

### Eighth Advances On Bologna Road

ROME, Dec. 18 (UP).—British Eighth Army troops, spearheading westward from captured Faenza, advanced three miles along the broad Rimini-Bologna highway, occupied positions along the east bank of the Senio River above and below the highway, and sent a patrol across the river. Allied headquarters announced today.

# Mayor Reports Meat Progress

By HARRY RAYMOND

Returning to his office after a flying trip to Washington, Mayor LaGuardia yesterday afternoon reported "progress" toward solution of the meat crisis which has brought the threat of a Christmas Day strike of 10,000 local retail butchers.

"Washington has a complete understanding of the problem," the Mayor said. "The situation affects all parts of the country. I was given the impression they (OPA and War Food Administration officials) have a sincere desire to solve it. It will take a long time. I'm hopeful anyway."

The Mayor did not say what proposals he made to the OPA and WFA during his conference in the capital. It is understood, however, he reiterated his long-standing position that ceiling prices will have to be placed on cattle on the hoof and that wholesale as well as retail prices must be strictly enforced to maintain a just and sound price structure.

### Pledged Action

Last week the Mayor, acting on a request of a conference of retail meat dealers, consumers and labor leaders, said he would press his fight for live stock ceilings. He said, too, he would declare a "state of emergency" if the dealers insisted on going through with their "holiday." Plans to assure consumers of their regular rationed supply of meat in case of a strike have also been worked out by Markets Commissioner Henry M. Brundage, he stated.

Chief complaint of the retail butchers, the grievance against which they called the strike, is that they are forced by law to sell at ceiling prices while wholesalers and slaughterers demand from them more than the legal price.

The Mayor is scheduled to confer with the meat dealers at 2:30 p.m. today at City Hall in a new effort to adjust grievances and avoid the strike.

He declined to discuss plans for the conference further than to say: "I'll have a few things to tell them."

### Sub Commissioned

PORTRUSH, N. H., Dec. 18 (UP).—The U. S. submarine Manta was commissioned today at the Portsmouth Navy Yard. Commanding officer of the vessel will be Lt. Comdr. Edward P. Madley of Brooklyn, N. Y.

## CIO in Call for United Action

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mandate of Nov. 7 is carried out.

He urged a CIO-AFL conference to work out ways and means of immediate cooperation.

Green promptly retorted that he interpreted Murray's letter as a "flat refusal" to accept AFL proposals for negotiations leading to organic unity.

"The only way to achieve unity is to unite organically," Green said.

Rejecting Murray's plea for unity on immediate issues, Green said that this is "the same sort of phony, functional unity which the CIO has often prated about in the past."

"Our experience during the war has taught us it is impossible to maintain united labor policies and program on the top while division, dualism and bitter discord continue in the field," Green declared.

Apparently anticipating this kind of policy, Murray had pointed out in his letter, "It is no longer a question of the prodigal son returning to the fold, nor of the disgraced daughter being sent forth into the winter snows."

Murray emphasized that millions of new trade unionists in both the CIO and AFL are no longer interested in Green's "promises of forgiveness or forgetfulness," and are primarily concerned with removing the disruption and division they see in the labor movement.

### Corona Rally Friday For a Free Europe

A meeting to uphold the State Department's self-determination policy for Greece, Italy and Belgium will be held Friday at 8:30 p.m. at P. S. 19, Roosevelt Ave. and 99 St., Corona, L. I.

Speakers will include a representative of the Greek American Committee for National Unity; Judge John Scilitti of the Magistrates Court; Rev. George W. Hinton, chairman of the North Shore Interstate and Interracial Committee which is sponsoring the meeting, and Frank Vellucci, lawyer.

# Murray's Letter on United Action

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Following is the text of Philip Murray's letter to William Green proposing united action for victory and postwar security between the CIO and the AFL:

Today, because of the political wisdom of the American people in reelecting President Franklin Delano Roosevelt and electing a friendly Congress to implement his policies, we are in the fortunate position of beginning a new legislative year which can result in great benefit to the majority of men and women in this country.

Organized labor has a special interest in seeing that the mandate given to the President and to the Congress by the people is faithfully carried out. This election, although a personal tribute to the outstanding quality of the leadership given by the President, was primarily an approval of his win-the-war program and his plan for a future of economic security and enduring peace.

This plan for economic security, based on an economic Bill of Rights and envisioning sixty million jobs, can and will be achieved if the forces of labor are mobilized. That organized labor must fight on the legislative as well as the economic front is beyond dispute.

### LABOR NOT UNITED

And yet with all the prerequisites for success there is one obstacle that stands in our way. Organized labor is not united on a broad program of action, and the enemies of labor encouraged by misrepresentations in the public press are taking advantage of this division.

The 78th Congress, aware of this disunity, was bold in its willingness to sponsor anti-labor legislation and equally eager to defeat any measure however pallid, which seemed to grant any measure of welfare for the American worker or to mobilize effectively the resources of the

nation for a speedy victory in the war and the securing of a lasting peace. This can be repeated.

The time for unity on a broad program of action has come. There has been much talk during the last eight long years about unity. During that time both the Congress of Industrial Organizations and the American Federation of Labor have grown in numbers and in prestige. This despite the fact that for eight long years reactionary forces throughout the land have taken advantage of the lack of unity.

### TALK NOT ENOUGH

It is too late in the day merely to talk of labor unity. It is no longer a question of the prodigal son returning to the fold nor of the disgraced daughter being sent forth into the winter snows. That time has long passed. The promises of forgiveness or forgetfulness fall on deaf ears, on ears that do not even understand the meaning of the promises. For the young people who are in the trade union movement today cannot remember, nor do they wish to remember, the scars of yesterday. They only see disruption and division. They are not interested in the causes. They are only interested in finding the remedy.

During the recent national election campaign the unity within the ranks of labor provided the initiative and propelling force for the mobilization of the common people in support of the reelection of our Commander-in-Chief as President, the election of a progressive Congress and the defeat of many reactionaries.

### FUTURE POLICY

This experience provides the framework for our future policy. It should be our mutual obligation to forge a broad program of action which can be accepted by all members of the labor movement, honestly interested in

the welfare of the American worker, regardless of what their affiliation might be.

Surely our joint interest in obtaining a revision of the national welfare policy to provide necessary relief to the workers of the nation, in passing legislation which would provide adequate protection for human needs during reconversion, in securing the enactment of adequate legislation to assure social security and sixty million jobs at decent wages, in repealing any federal or state anti-labor statutes and defeating any attempt to extend such laws, affords a common basis for action.

I cannot state my position in any clearer or more forceful language than that used by Woodruff Randolph, member of the resolutions committee from the Typographical Union, who in arguing before your convention on the question of labor unity said:

"If it is possible for the President of the United States, to make a journey to Teheran and talk with Premiers Churchill and Stalin, two Premiers who represent different philosophies of government and trade than we do here, and come back with a united front for a specific purpose, namely, the winning of the war, it should be possible for the representatives of labor to make short journeys here in the United States and arrive at a concerted action or plan for concerted action, even if that plan is for limited objectives."

It is my feeling that within the framework of specific economic and legislative aims, we can succeed, through joint effort, in defeating the reactionary forces, and help to win the war and establish a permanent peace with economic security to your organization. It is the sincere desire of the Congress of Industrial Organizations to meet with your representatives for the purpose of achieving this all-important objective.

# Yanks Speed to Block Nazis

## Foes of War Policy Reap Harvest in Debate on State Dept.

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The men who are opposed to the Administration's foreign policy from the beginning and who are now preparing to fight the Dumbarton Oaks plan for an international security organization had a field day in the Senate today.

They used the occasion offered by the filibuster led by a weird coalition against the President's State Department appointments to cast doubt on the hope of international collaboration and to attack both Great Britain and the Soviet Union.

Among those who had their say were Senators Burton K. Wheeler, (D-Mont.), Happy Chandler, (D-Ky.), Arthur Vandenberg, (R-Mich.), Curley Brooks, (R-Ill.), and Hiram Johnson, (R-Calif.).

The disunity chorus was sounded while Senator Claude Pepper (D-Fla.) usually an ardent administration supporter, led off the filibuster.

Pepper will take the floor again tomorrow to offer a resolution tomorrow on behalf of himself, Senators James E. Murray, (D-Mont.), Joseph Guffey, (D-Pa.) and Robert M. LaFollette (Prog.-Wis.), who has long opposed the President's foreign policy, to postpone consideration of the State Department nominations until next session.

Although a parliamentary tangle makes difficult a direct vote on the resolution, Pepper indicated he believes he can force a vote on a motion to postpone indefinitely consideration of the nominations.

Pepper said he still wants to continue his lengthy speech. Other senators with speeches under their belts are Guffey, Murray and LaFollette.

### BILBO TO JOIN IN

Senators Theodore Bilbo (D-Miss.), reactionary white supremacy advocate who is opposed to confirmation of William L. Clayton, and William Langer, (R-N.D.), foe of the President's foreign policy, are also planning long speeches tomorrow.

Senator Tom Connally, (D-Tex.), chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, told newspapermen at the end of today's session that there is no longer any doubt in his mind that a filibuster is in progress.

Isolationist Senators rose one after the other to attack Soviet and British policy towards Poland, and at the same time took advantage of the British attack on Greek democracy to trot out again their familiar Anglophobia.

While professing to support the Greek people, Chandler's main point was that he doesn't "want this country and its diplomats to follow the British." He also objected to having diplomats imitate their British colleagues by wearing spats.

Senator Curley Brooks (R-Ill.) promptly said that he believed 90 percent of the people agreed with Chandler, and declared that he didn't know what our foreign policy is.

Vandenberg declared that "the rights of small nations are being crucified," but that he believed it was up to the President rather than the Senate to speak.

The aged Johnson lumped together the dissimilar Greek and Polish situations to say that "men and women in Greece and Poland are being shot down with weapons we have supplied."

Wheeler made an all-out attack on the Soviet Union, painting an

horrendous picture of Soviet power extended not only over Europe but over Manchuria.

### PEPPER'S AMBIGUITIES

Pepper declared, in between the interpretations by these and other senators, that "the time has come when the foreign policy of the United States should be clarified."

Just what Pepper meant was not altogether clear either. He spoke of the need for permitting democratic regimes to spring up in Europe. He also emphasized that the Atlantic Charter and the Four Freedoms should be reaffirmed by the Senate. Advocates of the Polish government-in-exile and other reactionary regimes have tried to twist the Atlantic Charter to cover their program.

"We have seen alliance after alliance in Europe made by our allies," Pepper declared. "We have seen the parceling out of spheres of influence. By the time Dumbarton Oaks gets around there won't be anything left."

Pepper emphasized he did not believe the President had "initiated" the new State Department appointments because they were "out of character." He said that the President must have merely sanctioned them, and that senators leading the filibuster were merely protecting the President.

Senator Connally interrupted to ask Pepper if he would change his mind if he knew that the President was 100 percent for the nominations.

Pepper declared that he would have to "reflect on that."

Connally then said the President had asked him for action on the nominations in a telephone call three hours before he sent them to the Senate.

In opening today's debate, Connally said failure to confirm the nominations will weaken the President's hand in foreign policy and "will not strengthen the morale of our fighting men whose blood is making red the fields of other lands."

Senator Scott Lucas (D-Ill.) said that throughout his recent election campaign in Illinois he heard the same charges now being made on the floor that the President "had no foreign policy."

"Those who now criticize the foreign policy and are now demanding action of some kind are the very ones who in the future will attempt to sabotage practically any foreign policy the President of the United States would send up to the U. S. Senate," Lucas declared.

"We hear talk about attempting to do something to bring unity to the country," he said. "Whenever men make the kind of statements we hear made today, they are creating disunity, in my humble opinion, rather than unity."

Wheeler, who said he would probably vote for the appointments although he didn't like them, needled both Lucas and Pepper by saying that the leadership in the Senate fight came not from isolationists but from "those who were the loudest in their insistence on getting the country into the war."

He referred in this connection to Senators Pepper, Murray and Guffey and to PM.

### Morris U. Schappes Released on Parole



Morris U. Schappes was released on parole from Wallkill Prison yesterday. The former City College instructor, victim of the Rapp-Coudert Committee's witch hunt on the schools, won the support of thousands who, during the course of his imprisonment, appealed for his freedom. Schappes will work in a publishing house.

## Pravda Hails New Pact As Blow Against Nazis

MOSCOW, Dec. 18 (UP).—The new French-Soviet pact of alliance, the text of which was published today, was hailed by Pravda, official organ of the Communist Party, as an effective aid in the fight against Germany and the establishment of a pact which preceded the new agreement.

The leading editorial in Pravda said the pact was "convincing testimony of the strengthening of the anti-German coalition. The pact deals the fiercest blow to calculations of the Nazi imperialists striving to put off inevitable defeat and shatters their plan preparatory to new wars and aggression."

The text of the pact, the editorial and large photographs of the principals at the signing monopolized the front page of Pravda. The photographer caught Gen. Charles de Gaulle in an unusual mood, with a broad smile on his usually stern face.

"The text eloquently bespeaks the fact that the pact is an effective weapon in the struggle for victory and a lasting European peace," the Pravda editorial said. "It strengthens French-Soviet collaboration, indispensable for the organization of the security of Europe."

Speaking of the French-Soviet

PARIS, Dec. 18 (UP).—American forces moved swiftly today to block the most powerful German westward surge since 1940—a drive that had thrown the Yanks from Reich soil on a 50-mile front.

The character of the counter-measures was veiled in a "security blackout" on news from the critical First Army front but it was understood that a great battle was underway in eastern Belgium and Luxembourg where the enemy's tanks and infantry had broken through.

Earlier Monday, Field Marshal Karl Gerd von Rundstedt's counter-offensive was reported rolling on unchecked in the main penetration areas but supporting thrusts had been stemmed or sealed off as the Allied command marshaled its resources to meet the threat.

Two of the weapons supporting the counter-drive—parachutist landings and the Luftwaffe—had virtually been brought under control.

The Luftwaffe, after losing about 200 planes destroyed or damaged in 1,000 sorties Sunday, was reported operating on a greatly reduced scale Monday. In 24 hours, more than 2,400 Allied planes had carried out heavy attacks on six key transport centers feeding the counter-offensive front—Cologne, Coblenz, Mainz, Ulm, Munich and Duisburg.

Crack infantry and armored

forces from the German strategic reserves had succeeded in dislodging the First Army from its slim foothold on German soil on a 50-mile front extending from the Monschau forest 25 miles south-east of Aachen to the Echternach area of the Luxembourg border 18 miles above that Duchy's capital.

The Germans were continuing to send over large numbers of robot-bombs in support of their assault, including a new version of the missile which appeared to be a small rocket-powered projectile.

The doughboy with the bazooka was emerging as one of the first heroes of the counter-offensive and at one village in the path of the German armored advance these weapons knocked out five big enemy tanks.

On the U. S. Third Army front, where Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's troops had punched through the Siegfried fortress of Dillingen of its eastern outskirts, pilots reported an unprecedented volume of enemy barge and rail traffic behind the front, perhaps meaning a shift of more troops to the counter-offensive front.

### PATCH'S TROOPS

U. S. Seventh Army troops worked well into the first belt of the Siegfried Line in the Wissensbourg gap of Rhenish Bavaria in advances up to three miles, capturing Niederschlettenbach and Bundenbach, four and seven miles northwest of Wissensbourg, in a crossing of the Lauter River.

On their east flank, Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's troops thrust three miles into Germany to a point west of the Rhine Valley fortress of Buechelberg and on the west had virtually encircled the powerful Maginot fort of Bitch.

Toward the north end of the front, the U. S. Ninth Army attacked for the first time in a week and captured the adjoining towns of Wurm and Mullendorf.

## Stettinius Statement on Poland

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (UP).—The text of Secretary of State Edward T. Stettinius' statement on the Polish situation:

The United States Government's position as regards Poland has been steadfastly guided by full understanding and sympathy for the interests of the Polish people.

This position has been communicated on previous occasions to the interested governments, including the Government of Poland. It may be summarized as follows:

1. The United States Government stands unequivocally for a strong, free and independent Polish state with the untrammelled right of the Polish people to order their internal existence as they see fit.

2. It has been the consistently held policy of the United States

Government that questions relating to boundaries should be left in abeyance until the termination of hostilities.

As Secretary Hull stated in his address of April 9, 1944, "This does not mean that certain questions may not and should not in the meantime be settled by friendly conference and agreement."

In the case of the future frontiers of Poland, if a mutual agreement is reached by the United Nations directly concerned, this Government would have no objection to such an agreement which could make an essential contribution to the prosecution of the war against the common enemy.

If as a result of such agreement the Government and people of Poland decide that it would be in the interests of the Polish state to transfer national groups, the United States Government in cooperation with other governments, will assist Poland, insofar as practicable, in such transfers. The United States

Government continues to adhere to its traditional policy of declining to give guarantees for any specific frontiers.

The United States Government is working for the establishment of a world security organization through which the United States together with other member states would assume responsibility for the preservation of general security.

3. It is the announced aim of the United States Government, subject to legislative authority, to assist the countries liberated from the enemy in repairing the devastation of war and thus to bring to their peoples the opportunity to join as full partners in the task of building a more prosperous and secure life for all men and women. This applies to Poland as well as the other United Nations.

The policy of the United States Government regarding Poland outlined above has as its objective the attainment of the announced basic principles of United States foreign policy.



Focile delegates at the NMU's Leadership School are discussing the fight against race discrimination at sea. Instructor Charles Obermeyer is shown at the blackboard. At left rear is Johnny Boano, seaman instructor, and Leo Huberman, the school's principal appears to the right in the next to rear seat.

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## NMU Arms Rank and File Leaders With the Weapons to Lick Jimcrow

By ART SHIELDS

The world's greatest waterfront is a fascinating place every day in the week.

The high spot on Thursdays, for instance, is the forum on race discrimination, when convoy veterans discuss the fight against Jimcrow at sea in the leadership school of the National Maritime Union at 346 West 17 St.

Some of the students are lads of 18 to 20—just a year or two from the office or farm. And one wonders how they had time to earn those torpedo pins and battle front ribbons.

Others are bronzed with the sun of every clime and of many pre-war picket lines too.

### RANK-FILE LEADERS

But all were rank and file leaders at sea before they entered the school. Most were ship's delegates or chairmen. They were elected by their shipmates to study ashore to the school for a week to make themselves more useful later at sea.

The union pays them \$40 a week to attend.

A hundred and five have gotten their diplomas from President Joe Curran already.

The school, which meets every other week, is like a union West Point, cut sailor style. The boys work from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 and

6 p.m., with coffee time out twice a day and home work at night. Their principal and pal, Leo Huberman, the union's educational chief, makes them work hard and like it.

Thursday is the day I like best. It's forum day, and I was lucky enough to drop in when race discrimination at sea was on the agenda. The class of 18 whites, three Negroes and one Filipino went to town on that subject.

### A FOCSLE ISSUE

"What would you do if a white seaman refuses to sleep in the same focile with a colored NMU brother at sea?" Charlie Obermeyer, one of the teachers was asking.

One brother said he would let him sleep somewhere else and "educate" him later.

But 21 men of three races were against him on this. "No good to appease anyone who won't follow the NMU rules," said one white man. "You'll never educate him that way," said another. "While you're conciliating one man you're demoralizing 39 others in the crew," said a third.

A young Negro said: "If he sleeps in the same room with the rest of us he may still preach discrimination, but he won't be practicing it. And preaching without practice doesn't get far."

And Johnny Boano, seaman-instructor, who served many years as NMU port agent in the South, said men shook off the lies they had heard from childhood when they lived with a Negro and found him a good shipmate. He'd seen that happen again and again.

Johnny spark-plugged a discussion on red-baiting later.

### WHAT THEY STUDY

Theory, history and practical knowledge are combined in the leadership school. Men study the job of a ship's delegate, the technique of a ship's meeting; the union constitution, the agreement with the owners, the history of the maritime unions and the CIO; the Wagner Act, the PAC, etc.

But knowledge is always a basis for action. Thus Huberman tells future delegates to see that plenty of paper and pencils and pens go on board for letters to Congressmen.

And Joe Curran in his graduation speech Saturdays reminds them that the union will be just as strong as they make it. Its influence in the postwar world will depend on what they take back to the ships.

**Postscript:** This school will live in Red Cross records as the one whose students give blood every Friday session.

## Headed Deweyite Anti-Semitic Drive in Pa.; Gets High Post

By WALTER LOWENFELS

HARRISBURG, Pa., Dec. 18.—The chairman of Dewey's anti-Semitic campaign in the Keystone state has been selected for promotion by the Pew-Grundy machine to be president pro-tem of the State Senate. He is State Senator M. Harvey Taylor, chairman of the Republican State Committee of Pennsylvania. Taylor, it was reported from Washington last week, is under investigation by the Department of Justice for the distribution of the anti-Semitic pamphlet *Clear Everything With Sidney* which the post office banned as "indecent" and "libelous."

The GOP caucus shattered precedent in voting unanimously last week to support the Pew-Grundy choice when the Assembly convenes next month. Taylor is the first one-term Senator to get the post, which has always gone on a basis of seniority. The Senator entitled to the post, Dr. Leroy Chapman, withdrew after it became known that Gov. Martin favored Taylor.

Some form of protest, however, may develop before the Senate convenes. Many Republicans were

shocked that the Pew-Grundy leadership went out of its way to honor Taylor after Gov. Martin, and Joseph Newton Pew, Jr., state GOP boss and head of Sun Oil, had both issued statements condemning anti-Semitism. John Speese, young Philadelphia attorney, one of the many Republicans who have called for re-tooling the Republican Party, and getting rid of the Pew-Grundy type of leadership, said: "It certainly appears they do not want to change. I do not approve, countenance, or condone the appointment of M. Harvey Taylor."

The FBI investigation of Taylor and others implicated in distribution of millions of copies of anti-Semitic campaign material, followed a hearing in Washington on Oct. 31, conducted by Senator Ball of the Senate Campaign Expenditures Committee. Taylor admitted the GOP had financed and arranged distribution of the scurrilous *Clear Everything With Sidney* pamphlet although he had tried to cover this up by using the imprint of the Trade Union News, a little known, so-called labor paper. Taylor is also under investigation for the *Keep Hillman Out of the White House* leaflet exposed in *The Worker* as distributed by the period."

Pennsylvania Manufacturers Casualty Insurance Co., a Grundy-controlled concern.

Taylor is also notoriously anti-labor. On Nov. 2, he attacked Philip Murray as a "docile figurehead." Taylor declared that CIO president's attempt to take the rap for Mr. Hillman's Political Action Committee was an act of blind generosity ordered by the Washington Gestapo to take the heat off Sidney Hillman and the plotters of the Communist movement."

### FDR Lauds Ad Aid To Gov't Programs

President Roosevelt yesterday praised American business for contributing almost \$1,000,000,000 worth of advertising support for government programs since Pearl Harbor, and emphasized the need for continuing this aid.

In a message to Harold B. Thomas, chairman of the War Advertising Council, Inc., the President added that "it is vitally important that this working partnership between business and government continue into the postwar period."

## Senate Committee Outlines Nation's Job Responsibility

By MAX GORDON

A congressional body has finally taken action on the economic bill of rights presented to Congress by President Roosevelt in his annual message last January. The President, in that message, projected the principle of government responsibility to provide jobs and economic security for the American people. He warned Congress that the people were behind him on this and would expect action on his proposals.

The principle of government responsibility enunciated by him is embodied in the report issued Sunday by the War Contracts Subcommittee of the Senate Military Affairs Committee. The subcommittee is headed by Sen. James E. Murray, Montana Democrat.

The bill proposed by the subcommittee represents an effort to devise a mechanism by which the government, including both the executive and legislative branches, can carry out its responsibility for full employment. The committee frankly acknowledged that its proposal was not a final plan but an introductory statement which, it hoped, would provoke discussion on the matter.

In its declaration of policy, the bill emphasizes the right of every American able and willing to work to have a job; and the responsibility of the government to guarantee that right by assuring full employment through encouraging private enterprise and through federal investment and "other expenditures."

It provides that the President shall present to Congress on the first day of each regular session a "National Budget" which will include:

- 1) Estimates of the number of jobs needed throughout the year;
- 2) The volume of production needed to provide those jobs, including a breakdown of estimated investments by private industry and expenditures by consumers and government agencies;
- 3) The prospective volume of production and consumption;
- 4) Plans both for encouraging private enterprise and for picking up whatever slack may exist through federal expenditures.

### CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE

It provides also for a joint congressional committee of six members from each House to make a detailed study of the President's estimates and recommendations and to prepare a resolution setting forth a general policy of Congress on the national budget.

While the measure makes some general suggestions for stimulating private enterprise through governmental action and for providing work on useful public projects, it does not concern itself with the specific steps needed to provide full employment.

It does not, for instance, deal with policies which would encourage expansion of foreign trade nor with the development of the internal market through increase of purchasing power of the workers and farmers. These, of course, are basic problems associated with postwar employment. Its chief preoccupation is with the establishment of procedure by which the government can advance a program for stimulating full employment from year to year.

As such, it dramatizes the issue of government responsibility for providing a job or security for every American.

There can be no question that the people of America widely support the principle involved. They learned the hard way that the laissez-faire policy of Hooverism leads to bitter suffering and disaster and they want no repetition of that. This is true not only of the working class,

### Murray Bill Would Provide

*The declaration of policy in the Murray bill provides: The Congress hereby declares that—*

*(a) Every American able to work and willing to work has the right to a useful and remunerative job in the industries, or shops, or offices, or farms, or mines of the nation;*

*(b) It is the responsibility of the government to guarantee that right by assuring continuing full employment; and*

*(c) It is the policy of the government to assure continuing full employment by (1) encouraging, to the fullest extent possible, Federal investment and other expenditure, the highest feasible levels of employment by private enterprise, (2) providing whatever volume of Federal investment and other expenditure may be needed to assure continuing full employment.*

but of the farmers, small businessmen, professionals and some sections of big business, as well.

The plan presented by Sen. Murray's committee should touch off considerable discussion on how the government's responsibility can best be realized.

In a separate analysis, the Murray committee criticized present reconversion programs passed by Congress as "defective." It renewed demands for legislation along the lines of the original Murray-Kilgore reconversion bill, including liberalization of unemployment compensation, travel allowances for war workers; loans by the federal government to localities to plan public works programs, and authorization of reconversion loans to small business.

## Convict 28

### Negro Soldiers

SEATTLE, Dec. 18.—An Army court-martial yesterday announced conviction of 28 and acquittal of 13 Negro soldiers charged with rioting against an Italian service unit at Fort Lawton, near here, Aug. 14 last. Three of the convicted men were charged with the murder of a former Italian prisoner.

The court-martial's verdict is subject to review by the Judge Advocate General's Department. No death penalty may be carried out without the approval of the President.

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## Individual Fur Firms Get WLB Order

A final War Labor Board order in the dispute between the Furriers Joint Council and the Associated Fur Coat and Trimming Manufacturers was received yesterday by each of the 750 individual members of the employers' group, Irving Potash, manager of the union, revealed.

The WLB, acceding to the union's request over the association's protest, sent the order to each manufacturer in view of an announcement by the association that it would not comply with the order.

In an accompanying statement, the National War Labor Board called attention to the fact that the union notified the board of its acceptance of the directive order and its willingness to negotiate arbitration procedure and standards with the association or any of its members. The board also took note of the association's refusal to accept the order.

"In the light of the position of the association," the statement declares, "the Board after further consideration of the case, voted to make the arbitration provision of its order final." (The other decisions were made final on Nov. 14, 1944.)

### UNION MEETING

Meanwhile, the union called a special meeting of its board of directors last night and special local meetings of its 15,000 members at Webster Hall were set for Tuesday and Wednesday to decide on further action.

Commenting on the attitude of the employers, Potash said:

"In view of the fact that the leaders of the association are following the example of Montgomery Ward and have used the same arguments in their defiance of the board's directive order, the union is watching what action the government will take to enforce its decision in the case of Montgomery Ward."

# Five Department Store Unions Here Demand End of Ward Strike

### An Editorial

## Two of a Kind: Both Enemies of Our Country

IN BRANDING Sewell Avery of Montgomery Ward as a leader of an assault upon war production, public member Frank P. Graham of the War Labor Board will receive the applause of the nation.

Americans who know the situation will also cheer Graham for putting the same brand upon John L. Lewis and upon those labor officials in the present Ward dispute, who follow Lewis' policy.

Graham touched the heart of the problem when he pointed out that more than an economic dispute involving several Detroit Ward stores is the issue. The real objective of those leading the strike, he noted, is to influence the referendum of over a million members of the United Automobile Workers on the no-strike pledge. Those forces want to smash the no-strike pledge. As we have already pointed out, their scheme to time the Ward strike on the eve of the UAW referendum and to place it in Detroit was not accidental.

Those forces, notwithstanding their loud words against Avery, are helping the Averys. Defiance of the government and obstruction of the war effort is their common ground.

Increasing evidence shows that Samuel Wolchok, international head of the striking union, is

not succeeding in his effort. Several organized units of Montgomery Ward of other unions, like those of St. Paul and Baltimore, have rejected this general strike move. CIO internationals are speaking out for an unequivocal enforcement of the no-strike pledge. Some of the largest locals of Wolchok's own union have come out with sharp condemnation of his policy.

It is disheartening to see how newspapers that often profess to be concerned for the war effort are practically silent on Avery's defiance of the government. This is true of almost all New York dailies. Equally tragic is the attitude of liberal papers like PM, in which reports of the Ward strike are slanted to encourage defiance of the no-strike pledge.

The news from the Belgian-Luxembourg front in the last hours should have a sobering effect on those who have so flippantly started to toss the no-strike pledge into the ash-can.

Americans everywhere are duty-bound to back the government in every move it makes to show the Averys that they are not bigger than America. The labor movement has the grave responsibility of defeating the violators of the no-strike pledge as enemies of the country and underwriters of labor's own direct welfare.

Officials of five New York unions affiliated with the CIO United Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Employes last night called upon Samuel Wolchok, international president, to end the strike at Montgomery Ward & Co. immediately and to uphold the CIO no-strike pledge.

Speaking for 2,000 CIO department store workers, the officials, in a letter to Wolchok, expressed concern that Ward employees were out on a strike at a moment when Germany is reported unleashing a new offensive against our troops.

"We feel that no matter how serious the provocation there are no excuses for strikes in wartime," said the letter, signed by Nicholas Carnes, Local 1250 president; Samuel Kovensky, business manager, Local 1s; Samuel Lewis, acting business manager, Local 3; Anna Blanch, business manager, Local 2, and Sadie Brown, business manager, Local 5.

Earlier, the union's biggest affiliate, Wholesale and Warehouse Local 65, and Local 330, another large branch, had condemned the walkout and called for settlement of workers' just demands through wartime agencies and enlistment of public support.

"The welfare of the nation and our 12,000,000 fellow workers in the armed forces are paramount," the department store union officials declared in their letter to Wolchok.

"That welfare is harmed by any strike. The CIO at its recent convention, which you attended, again reaffirmed unanimously its no-strike pledge without any qualification. To break that pledge is to betray the interests of the nation, our men and women in the armed forces, and the highest interests of the Montgomery Ward workers themselves."

The unionists went on to cite instances where other unions, faced by defiance, had won out without strike. They pointed to a labor victory at Cudahy meat packers and to gains made by the CIO Transport Workers among others.

In Baltimore, the CIO International Longshoremen and Warehousemen's Union circulated leaflets among Montgomery Ward & Co. employees condemning proposals to extend the Detroit stoppage to Baltimore.

A statement signed by James M. Moore, ILWU director and officers of Local 219, which represents Ward employees, says the union "is proud of its record of observance of the CIO no-strike pledge" which it regards as unconditional.

The union has been able to prosecute its fight against Ward defiance and now has its own case pending before the War Labor Board, the handbill said.

"We do not believe that this defiance can be settled by strike action on the part of the unions," the unionists said.

They condemned statements by Nat Klein, official of the United Retail, Wholesale & Department Store Employes, that a sympathy strike would be considered by Baltimore Ward employees.

Other Baltimore trade unionists also spoke against the strike threat.

Walter McManamion, president of the Baltimore CIO, called on all CIO members "to stand fast to their no-strike pledge and repudiate any such unpatriotic action as the proposed sympathy strike."

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## Support FDR Policies

OUR new secretary of state, Edward R. Stettinius, has again risen to the occasion with a declaration of American policy toward Poland which not only clarifies our government's position but should help advance a solution of the current issue.

As we have many times declared, the problem is not one of frontiers. Our government gives no guarantee to anyone on specific frontiers. The problem is the birth of a "strong, free and independent Polish state with the untrammelled right of the Polish people to order their internal existence as they see fit." And that corresponds with the position of both Great Britain and the Soviet Union.

The United States originally desired boundary disputes to be held over until the war's end, but, as former Secretary of State Cordell Hull pointed out last April, "this does not mean that certain questions may not and should not in the meantime be settled by friendly conference and agreement."

The only remaining question is whether a Polish government exists capable of settling this and other problems with the Soviet Union in a friendly spirit. The gang which calls itself a government in London has completely discredited itself in the eyes of those who know it best—the Polish people and the British Foreign Office. Obviously, either a man like Mikolajczyk will finally reach a settlement with Moscow, or else a provisional government based on the Committee of Liberation will arise in Lublin and settle the border issue itself.

But this remains to be seen. The important thing is that our State Department policy is stated clearly. It facilitates a solution, instead of becoming an obstacle to it. And, as in the case of Greece, Mr. Stettinius has shown how much he measures up to the job for which the President selected him.

### Dangerous Diversion

All the more reason, therefore, to deplore the dangerous diversion of public attention now created by the fight against the State Department's reorganization. We use the phrase "diversion" deliberately. True, some liberal Senators are a party to this fight; PM continues its hay-wire campaign with complete abandon. But the net result has been that some of the worst reactionaries in the Senate—Wheeler, Shipstead, LaFollette, Chandler and Langer—are employing the fight on the new appointments to sound off day after day against the United Nations as such.

PM cheers when Sen. Langer inserts a silly Anglophobe column by Walter Winchell into the Congressional Record. PM hails isolationists like Johnson or Capper and hopes for their support against the aides of Mr. Stettinius. Even Sen. Bankhead, who never shed tears for sharecroppers or tenant farmers, becomes a hero when he grinds a narrow, sectional axe against Will Clayton.

Thus, instead of answering the anti-Soviet attacks on the Polish issue, PM is silent and the burden falls completely on Stettinius himself. Instead of directing the opposition to Churchill on Greece into constructive channels, the fight over the State Department enables the worst Anglophobes to have their way. Instead of replying to Messrs. Woll and Dubinsky, who are straining desperately to exploit the unsettled issues before the coalition, as it faces its heaviest battles, some of our liberals are so enmeshed in a wrong fight on a wrong issue that the President's policies go undefended.

And this in the moment when the Germans have cleverly taken military advantage from the political issues before the democratic world and have opened a military-political offensive against us in Belgium and Luxembourg.

### The Main Goal

Only in this context can the fight over the State Department be judged. And because it represents a dangerous and irresponsible diversion from the real problem confronting progressives, we oppose it.

The moment requires constructive criticism intended to solve problems, not aggravate them.

The moment requires support to Mr. Roosevelt and his secretary of state, whose policies were endorsed by the entire nation and must be upheld by the entire nation.

The moment requires a slashing counter-attack on the professional Anglophobes and anti-Soviets—in support of the Polish and Greek people who wish to order their internal affairs in the spirit of democracy and justice.

### SWAN SONG



### To Tell the Truth

## There Is No Wink in It

by Robert Minor

**I**N THE California labor movement some twenty and thirty years ago, because of the severity of the conflict of labor and capital in Los Angeles, it used to be a habit to call it the City of Lost Angels. But the angels have mostly been found again and organized in the labor movement, while the devils of capital confer with trade unions over the all-pervading problem of California. It is the problem of carrying through to victory in the war and a joint effort of capital and labor to secure after the war the new character that California has achieved as a great industrial empire with some of the largest mass-production plants in the world.

Not that all is sweetness and sunshine, but I am giving some new characteristics.

**T**HE capitalist devils that fail to understand this seem to be found most often in newspaper offices. Down in the thriving seaport of San Diego—the city named for Saint James by the Spanish missionaries who founded it—a newspaper reporter came to a mass meeting of the Communist Political Association and sat through it with a typewritten advance press copy of my speech. After the meeting he came up to me, the copy of the speech in his hand, deeply worried. "What about?" I asked.

He was disturbed because there was nothing in the speech for the purposes of his employer—a typical Dewey-or-bust newspaper. He could use nothing except material that would justify a scare-head about the Communists. Having the text of my speech, he could make no paraphrase—no free version of what he might think his employer would have liked him to have thought what I meant to say.

Now someone has sent me a clipping of the report in that San Diego newspaper. It is one of the most curious reports I ever read. The reporter did not quote a single full sentence, but only fragments of sentences, interspersed between his own remarks of protest against the "strangeness" of

it all. So strange that I did not say dog bit man. That I did not say worker bite capitalist. And then he wrote about "a smile" that he said he thought he saw just half revealed upon my face when he asked me a question. Who knows?—maybe that "smile" might have meant what his employer could have printed if I had said it. That was his story. An honest man. He wouldn't lie.

**W**E Communists mean what we say. We don't mean anything else, nor less than we say.

And yet, not even all of our friends fully and clearly understand this simple fact. After the great mass meeting held at the Shrine Auditorium, in Los Angeles, a friend told me the thing which impressed him most was that I had shown in my speech that "there is no wink in it." I asked him what he meant, and he replied that some people thought the Communist Political Association's policy was not quite what we say it is, and that we put it as we do only for "tactical" reasons.

There is no wink in it, and this most stupid and dangerous mistake of thinking that there is a "smile" or a "wink" in it arises from reading and taking seriously the thousands upon thousands of lies that are turned out in an endless stream by most of the newspapers and radio broadcasters, and the "honest" innuendos such as that of the San Diego newspaper.

**B**UT it is more than misinformation. There is a deep-down theoretical error at the bottom of it; otherwise the misinformation would not stick. It looks very "left," but it is the old dogma of

middle-class socialism to the effect that after a great world war capitalist production and production relations are under all circumstances fated to go into immediate and catastrophic decline, no matter what the situation may be and regardless of whatever else may happen. The most striking example was shown when the miserable Bukharin undertook to prophesy by "theoretical" demonstration in the early 1920's the "impossibility" of a prolongation or revival of capitalist economy. He wrote:

"Once the decline of capitalist production relations is given, and once the impossibility of their restoration is proven theoretically, then arises the question of resolving the dilemma: either the 'ruin of culture' or—Socialism . . . etc. Lenin underscored in Bukharin's book the words that I have put in bold type above, and sharply commented:

"The 'impossibility' is demonstrable only in practice. The author does not place dialectically the relation of theory to practice."

Still the old dogma is hung about our neck—even by a reporter in the newly booming city of San Diego, even by some well-meaning friends.

Only the test of practical life can show whether it is "impossible" for the economic life of the capitalist countries, on the capitalist basis, to leap forward in the new great expansion that is necessary to keep our industries going after the war. But that practice is already beginning to unfold before our eyes in the form of the Teheran agreement and in the presence of the giant new-industries and the new relations of labor and capital, and the beginning of its fulfillment.

There is no wink in it.

### Worth Repeating

THE SECRET OF THE RED ARMY is discussed by Harrison E. Salisbury, United Press Foreign News Editor, in the current (Dec. 23) Collier's with such surprising statements as this in his text: Possibly the most valued military invention of the British in this war is the bailey bridge—a knockdown, portable collection of steel girders which can be set up in a minimum of time. Before we invaded France, we had a set of bailey bridges for every river we were going to cross. The British General Staff thought the Russians might like some of these bridges. After his first trip to the Russian front, Gen. Burrows, chief of the British mission in Moscow, decided against this project.

"Instead I thought I might ask the Russians to lend us some of their people," he said, "to teach us how to make timber bridges as rapidly and easily as they do. Instead of having to wait for engineers to bring up a bailey, their frontline troops fell the timber and build their own bridge more quickly than we can lug up our bridges from the rear."

# Today's Guest Column

SOMETIMES when I publish a story in which I describe a place I had never visited and tell in detail what happened there, people ask me how I could possibly know. The answer, of course, is that I talked with someone who was there and got the details from them.

In the process of getting one such story I almost got into trouble with my wife. I was interested in the Cliveden set which was then influencing British foreign policy. I had learned that Prime Minister Chamberlain and leading British political figures, whose machinations made Munich possible, had met at Lady Astor's palatial Cliveden estate shortly before Munich and that British policy had been practically decided then.

My source had on several occasions given me other important information which proved to be completely accurate. This time he gave me a complete list of the weekend guests and a summary of the discussions which profoundly served to affect European affairs. (I subsequently published this story in *Ken and in Secret Armies*.)

The information was of great importance. Another friend of mine, a columnist on one of the London dailies to whom I confided my information, said he knew a Lady X who



By John Spivak

occasionally was invited to Cliveden. The name sounded familiar and I immediately checked it against the list of guests that historic weekend, which I had in my pocket and found her name.

THE columnist arranged luncheon for the three of us. Under the veneer of blue blood I found Lady X a very decent gal. Her whole outlook was social and she was only mildly interested in the threat of Nazism; but, as a friend of the columnist, she was perfectly willing to tell me all she knew.

I gathered that political discussions were not carried on in the presence of all guests for she had heard nothing. But, she added helpfully, the Prime Minister, Lady Astor and the other guests had played charades. The vision of the gaunt umbrella-carrying Prime Minister hopping about playing a game while Hitler was preparing to set the world on fire fascinated me as a picture of the British ruling class and I inquired eagerly for details.

My host had to leave but I still had many questions I wanted to ask, and I told Lady X I had a rare bottle of port shipped to England especially for the coronation of King Edward VIII and if she would honor me we would open it. My wife, I added, might be there so it would be perfectly all right. Lady X was willin' and we went to my hotel,

## Tales I Never Told—How My Wife Almost Misunderstood

opened the bottle and, undisturbed in my room, I resumed my questioning about the appearance of the estate, the room in which the charades were played and such details as would give color to my story.

THERE were a few points she could not recollect and she offered to telephone another of the guests of that weekend and get them for me. She sat on the edge of the bed to telephone. Since she did not know and whispered the questions I wanted her to ask.

And, naturally, while I'm in this position, in walks my wife.

I assume it did look a bit strange: a lady sitting on the bed, me bending over her with my lips close to her ear, two glasses partly filled with wine and a half-empty bottle standing on a nearby table.

My wife took in the picture with an icy glance, nodded coldly to the woman who flushed at the embarrassing situation, and then turned an even more arctic and inquiring eye upon me.

I motioned to my wife to keep still while I continued whispering and Lady X, by now completely flustered, almost stammered the questions. By the time the conversation ended my wife got the drift and when I introduced them both started to laugh.

"What wives have to take in the name of anti-fascism," said Lady X shrewdly.

## Listen Here,



## Mr. Editor

### But We Were The Ones Surprised

Litchfield, Conn. Editor, Daily Worker:

A leading Republican lady in this vicinity claimed Russia would not cooperate with other nations because that nation would not send representatives to the air conference. The lady was very much surprised when we said that it was bad business to get together with quislings, collaborators or our fascist enemies.

But we were the ones surprised when she expressed the belief that we should join with all nations, including Nazi Germany and Japan, to end the war now. She had been much touched by Thomas E. Dewey's campaign that the war was practically over and that all that held up the coming back of our soldier boys was the Roosevelt administration's plots and schemes. This is an example of how much the Dewey campaign helped along negotiated peace ideas. How about starting an abc club for the politically illiterate, particularly those thus poisoned?

CONSTANT READER.

### Theatre Prices

Manhattan Editor, Daily Worker:

Isn't it against OPA ceiling prices for theaters to charge for standing room double what it used to cost? It should be.

OUT OF TOWNER.

### The Lights Of Our Victory

Far Rockaway Editor, Daily Worker:

At the Temple Sharah Tepella, in Far Rockaway, a rally held for Russian War Relief commenced the first night of "Chanuka" a Jewish holiday traditionally dedicated to bringing joy to Jewish children by offering gifts.

Dr. Morris Greenbaum, in speaking there, referred to the achievement of the Maccabees and said something worth bringing to your readers' attention. In part he said:

"We too, 2100 years after that event, have had our military victories over our enemies. Stalingrad and Aachen bear witness to the glory of our own Maccabees, but we cannot celebrate as yet. Greece, Belgium and Italy cannot and will not kindle their lights of freedom, a blackout still reigns in Europe as long as those fighters for freedom cannot kindle their Temple lights in joyous commemoration of faith and hope. Let us dedicate ourselves again to the utterances at Teheran. We came here with hope and determination. We leave here friends in face, in spirit and in purpose."

"The keystone of that faith and hope is unity among the United Nations, especially unity between the great countries of America and the USSR. Our gifts to Russian children are not a mere charitable Christmas offering, they are rather the result of our deep confidence in all our Allies, especially in Russia, that fascism and tyranny will be forever erased from the face of the earth, that no more shall smaller nations be ruled by others, and that the friendship between the Soviet Union and the United States will cement that unity among the United Nations. That humanity again will be able to kindle the lights of freedom and democracy, and only then celebrate the victory that is ours."

J. K. K.

The opinions expressed in these letters are those of the readers and not necessarily of the paper. We welcome letters from our readers and their friends on subjects of current interest. To facilitate the printing of as many letters as possible, and to allow for the freest discussion, please limit letters to 300 words.

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## Views On Labor News

I SAW a collection of anti-Soviets last Saturday that was about as all-inclusive as any ever brought together under one roof. That was at the all-day meeting held by the so-called American Labor Conference on International Affairs, of which David Dubinsky is executive vice-president.

As I watched these people perform I wished they were in a hall at least as big as Madison Square Garden so a representative American audience could see what they are up to. There is nothing new about their anti-Soviet hatred. But the conference did show how these gentlemen are now passing over to open intrigues both against the interest of America as a nation and its government, and against the security of the peace-loving nations everywhere.

SINCE ALCIA was formed two years ago, we have often pointed out that the real director of the outfit is Raphael Abramovitch, the outcast Menshevik who has been the center of anti-Soviet plotters since the birth of the Soviet Republic. Many of his friends in the USSR were caught for dynamiting mines, blowing up rail tracks, sabotaging production and serving fascist powers.

Abramovitch, Dubinsky's guest here, now came forward openly as the leader of ALCIA. Bill Green, Matthew Woll, Dubinsky and a



by George Morris

whole collection around them, were there at his feet like humble pupils when he summarized the conference. This man, who styles himself a refugee and enjoys the hospitality of the country, has undertaken to show the AFL how to dynamite its own interests and undermine the welfare of its own country. He has no more in common with the thousands of real refugees in this country than a Vichyite has. Trade unionists ought to resent the attempt of this "theoretical" of the most decadent section of social democracy to inject poison in their midst.

A BRAMOVITCH'S thesis is that there can be no collaboration with the Soviet Union. He concludes that the Dumbarton Oaks security proposals or any security organization will not be real as long as the USSR commands the influence and power that it does.

He argues also that there cannot be any collaboration between Communists and Socialists anywhere in the world because there is "no community of ideas" between them. He denounced his former Socialist associates in Europe who are working jointly with Communists in almost all liberated lands, as "Communist-dominated." In effect, he calls for a split in the liberated countries and the development of a "Greek situation," which he and the other speakers at the conference regard as welcome. The puppet regime in Greece upheld by British bayonets is led by an Abramovitch type of a Social Democrat.

## Science Notebook

FROM the medical case histories of this war comes the following strange story. With his ship blown from under him a naval lieutenant had no other course but plunge into the cold sea. He managed to stay afloat during the night by clinging to various bits of debris that were swirling about him.

At dawn he looked around for the crew—but was met with only empty space, except for a cruel looking shark that was encircling him. The fish lunged for his prey—but the lieutenant turned away just in time to avoid the shark's teeth.

The game continued and the officer wasn't so fortunate each time. By the time he was rescued (24 hours later) he was a mass of blood, and shark wounds.

The record showed lacerations of the forearm, left hand and both feet. There were also deep cuts at the elbow, thigh, toe and heel. Yet this man survived and the doctors attributed the recovery to the amazing preservative powers of cold sea water. For it was 12 hours after removal from the ocean that the lieutenant first suffered from shock.

Apparently there is a two-fold effect caused by sea water on wounds. The salt is effective in preventing infection; and the temperature change seems to anesthetize the wounds against pain. Earlier battles against U-boats



by Peter Stone

in the North Atlantic provide doctors with many instances wherein wounded seamen thrown into icy waters, showed remarkable resistance to infection and ability to withstand shock.

THE use of cold water against pain was introduced into medicine in the 17th century. Further clinical observations were noted by Dominique Larrey, surgeon-general of Napoleon's army, who reported that his soldiers suffered no pain when amputated at a temperature of 19 below zero, during the winter campaign of 1807. Similar conclusions were reached by Moricheau-Beaupre, who served as surgeon during the retreat of the Grand Army from Moscow.

In 1850 there was favorable medical comment for the use of brine solutions in the treatment of cancer of the breast for cutting down the pain during operation. But the discovery of ether and chloroform relegated the use of ice and refrigeration anesthesia methods to the background and eventual elimination.

However in the past two decades a series of experiments on the preservation of tissue revived the techniques of cold anesthesia. American doctors Crossman, Hurley and Warden used cracked ice, snow ice and ice water on a large scale in New York City hospitals for thigh amputations necessitated by arterios-

## The Ice Bag Holds Its Own

clerosis and gangrene. A choice of other anesthetics was difficult because these particular patients also suffered from organic heart disease and any shock might kill them.

The results showed that there was no evidence of shock during or after the operations. Healing was satisfactory, there was no pain before or after surgery, no infection resulted and there was actually a conservation of the poorly nourished tissue. Of great importance was the ease of operation, control of swelling and the excellent promotion of drainage.

SINCE then doctors have attached patients to an electric refrigerator which can be plugged into ordinary house current and which is thermostatically controlled. They have streamlined the old ice bag to a cooling hood which gives relief for the intractable headache—and is excellent for reducing pain in the thoracic and lumbar regions.

Both American and Soviet experts agree that refrigeration is superior to other anesthetics in that it does not introduce an additional toxic agent into the body. Secondly anesthesia is complete because it eliminates the conduction of painful stimuli along the spinal sympathetic nerve paths.

This may be the age of chemotherapy. Penicillin and the sulfa drugs hold sway as our eighth wonders of the world. But the old ice bag refuses to yield to these newer methods and has shown that it has its place in our therapeutic armamentarium.

# Vote Latin American Demonstrations for Argentine Liberty

By EFREN FARRILL  
(Wireless to the Daily Worker)

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 18.—Stoppages and demonstrations throughout Latin America on Jan. 25 will demand the liberty of Argentine political prisoners, and an end to the tortures to which they are being subjected.

## Laborites Win Hawaii Posts

By JOHN REINECKE

HONOLULU, Dec. 18 (ALN).—Candidates endorsed by Labor's Political Action Committee and committed to support its legislative program, were elected to 19 out of 38 seats in the Territorial legislature this month.

Counting hold-over senators with progressive records, the LPAC is certain of support from 8 out of 15 senators and 14 out of 30 representatives.

Passage of a "Little Wagner Act" and other legislation protecting field labor on sugar cane and pineapple plantations is virtually assured.

Two officials of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, CIO were elected to the lower house: Joseph Alapai Kaholokula of Maui and Amos A. Ignacio of Hawaii.

The hold of the Baldwin family of planters upon the political life of Maui was shattered. Both the senators and all six of the representatives elected from Maui were backed by the LPAC. Lawrence A. Baldwin, hand-picked candidate for the senate, was defeated by an intensive house-to-house campaign.

The political machinery of the county of Hawaii is now in the hands of men closely allied with labor. Organized labor played an important role in the Kauai county elections.

The LPAC, although receiving the support of the Honolulu Central Labor Council, AFL and all CIO and independent unions in Honolulu, because of failure to do house-to-house canvassing was only partially successful in the capital city. Nevertheless, the vote of the labor candidates was doubled between the primary and the general election.

## NMU Recruits Men For Coast Shipping

CLEVELAND, Dec. 18.—More than 100 Great Lakes seamen were recruited here last week for manpower requirements on ocean-going vessels in response to the call of the Recruitment and Manning Organization to keep war materials moving across the sea, according to Frank Jones, NMU port agent.

## WHAT'S ON

RATES: What's On notices for the Daily and The Worker are 35c per line (6 word to a line—3 lines minimum).

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### Tomorrow Brooklyn

BRIGHTON BEACH CLUB, CPA. Gala Bond Rally and Membership Meeting, Wed. Dec. 20th at 3200 Coney Island Ave. Speaker: George Morris, Associate Labor Editor of Daily Worker. All club members urged to attend. Bring your friends.

### Coming

"BEHIND THE EUROPEAN CRISIS" Robert Minor, speaker. Also question period conducted by Ben J. Davis Jr., Robert Minor, Joseph Starobin, Thursday, Dec. 21, 8 p.m. Manhattan Center, 34th St. & 8th Ave. Adm. 30c. N. Y. County Communist Political Assn.

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## An Editorial

# China's Crisis Continues

AFTER all the rumors and reports of a change of heart and organization by the Chungking government in China, it is now the unquestionable fact that no such thing has happened. The statement by the chairman of the Chinese Communist Party, Mao Tse-tung, over the Yenan radio Sunday leaves no doubt as to the intent which lies behind the much-ballyhooed shifting of personnel.

It was merely a dodge by certain inner circles at Chungking, in order to placate those within the government party who are disturbed at the course of events. It was likewise intended as a means of soothing the irritation of many outside China—notably leading people among her own allies—and to give the impression that something new was being done:

As a matter of cold fact, nothing has been done to reach any real unity. Therefore, nothing has been accomplished in providing any real remedy for the ills besetting China, ills which flow from the lack of democracy in the Kuomintang leadership.

There can be no greater authority on China's condition than Mao Tse-tung. Those whom he represents have sealed their loyalty and their intelligence in the anti-Japanese struggle with the sacrifices they have made and the courage they have shown. They have been the foremost, from

the very beginning of the battle against the Tokyo aggressor, to stress Chinese unity and democracy as essentials to victory. They want what the American people want.

The Chinese Communist leader's speech represents the thought of millions of people in China. It represents those who have been fighting the Japanese ceaselessly, even though they have been cruelly handicapped by lack of arms and a blockade by the Kuomintang troops. Although he and these people recognize the ugly state of affairs in China at present, they do not despair. It is of a great new offensive that Mao Tse-tung speaks in ringing tones.

They who have been so heroic in their battle against Japan, at times engaging the majority of the Japanese armies even though they were denied arms, can be counted on to war upon Japan until Tokyo is defeated. They can be trusted to rally the democratic groups and organizations in China for an all-out assault upon the enemy.

America must understand that this is the case and proceed to act upon that understanding. Ours is the supreme duty to give arms to Mai Tse-tung and his associates, to battle Japan to its death. Ours is also the responsibility to give them every help in their efforts within Kuomintang China to bring about democratic unity for victory.

## Anti-Franco Rally To Hear Rep. Coffee



Rep. John M. Coffee (D-Wash) will speak Wednesday night on the necessity for breaking relations with France at a meeting in Pythian Temple, 135 W. 70 St. The rally, sponsored by the Citizens Committee of the Upper West Side will also hear Allan Chase, author of Falange; William S. Gilmor, radio commentator, and Leonard Lamb, executive secretary of the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade.

## Gestapo Opens Terror Drive

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 18 (UP).—Reports from unimpeachable sources reaching here tell of a new wave of mass arrests of "politically unreliable" sweeping Germany, with the Gestapo striking first at western German cities nearest the front in an attempt to liquidate elements that might aid the Allies to administer occupied Germany.

## North Italy Partisans Win Allied Recognition

A change in attitude to the Italian partisans of north Italy is being shown by the Allied Supreme Command. Gen. Mark Clark, who recently replaced British General Sir Harold Alexander as commander of the Italian theater, has now issued a re-interpretation of Alexander's "lay low" order to the partisans. By no means, Clark now states, does the original order mean that the partisans are to stop fighting.

There is increasing recognition in Rome of the Committee of National Liberation which leads the guerrilla brigades in the north. A principal point of the reorganized Ivanoe Bonomi government's program, as reported in a United Nations News' dispatch to OWI, is:

"Delegation of government powers to the Committee of National Liberation of the north, including the extension of adequate means and the creation of a high commissariat to supply the means."

Mauro Scoccimaro, Communist, who is now Minister for Occupied Territories, yesterday told Edd Johnson, correspondent for the Chicago Sun and Field Publications, that the submarine yard of Trieste blowing

Supreme Allied Military Command up a German submarine. In Milan has formally pledged to recognize partisans removed 1,200 pairs of boots the Liberation Committee as sole due for transportation to Germany. In Brescia the partisans seized, from the Neo-Fascists, 22 machine rifles and 10,000 bullets. A strike broke out at Vige when the Germans attempted to remove a was paid a few days ago when the dynamo. The Germans were obliged Germans sent five tanks and troop to abandon the operation.

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# Romania Plans to Bar Anti-Semitism

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the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

It was also disclosed that the Romanian cabinet has voted to reimburse Jewish organizations some \$465,000 of funds taken from them by the pro-fascist Antonescu regime.

The new ruling, reported the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, will apply equally to employees, property owners and tenants who suffered because of the anti-Jewish laws. These proposals were drawn up by Minister of Justice Lucretiu Patrascu, Romanian Communist leader.

## Lincoln Vets' Dance Sunday

The Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade will be reunited with their many friends at the annual Christmas Dance Sunday at Webster Hall, 4th Ave. and 11th St.

## News Capsules Babes in the Snow

Virginia Lewis, 17, of South Bend, Ind., and her boy-friend of Mishawaka, Ind., were very much in love. He was going to join the Navy so they spent the entire night together in a snowy park.

Virginia yesterday was in St. Joseph's hospital receiving treatment for her frost bitten feet, and doctors said she was darned lucky they didn't have to amputate them.

The temperature was 27 degrees, but the two 17-year-olds walked and walked. They became tired, so they lay down in the snow and fell asleep.

"It was hours later when we woke up," Virginia told juvenile authorities. "But we didn't do anything wrong."

The winter's coldest weather

moved across the northern midwest states yesterday toward the eastern and southern states. Sub-zero temperatures were recorded in Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Illinois.

Francis Yost's "ways and means" of escape from Pennsylvania's Allegheny County Jail made him an unpopular figure yesterday among fellow prisoners.

When the word got around that Yost had prepared a report for judge Henry Ellenbogen on possible ways to escape, other prisoners snubbed him. Yost is serving 10 to 23 months for petty theft and cashing a bad check.

Yost, who escaped from the jail in 1935, drew up his report on a promise of leniency.

Fourteen ringleaders of a salary kick-back racket at the U. S. Army Post of Embarkation base at Brooklyn, which exacted more than \$150,000 from workmen, have been arrested, the Department of Justice announced yesterday.

A five-day strike at Fort Sheridan, Ill., of 1,300 German prisoners ended yesterday when the men, many of whom are veterans of the late field marshal Erwin Rommel's Afrika Korps, returned to work.

Ringleaders of the strike have been segregated to serve the remainder of a 14-day bread and water diet to which all the strikers were sentenced.

If past performance is any criterion, Erskine Caldwell's latest novel, "Tragic Ground," is due to be the fourth book this year to be "banned in Boston."

Miss E. Margaret Anderson, a prim saleswoman at the Dartmouth Book Stall, Inc., will be arraigned today in a test case in Municipal Court on complaint of the New England Watch and Ward Society charged with selling an "obscene" book.

The book, a story of poor southern whites stranded far from their homes by the closing of a war plant, was sold to a society agent in the presence of a detective.

## Convict Ecuador Reactionaries

Special to the Daily Worker

QUITO, Ecuador, Dec. 18.—After a 14-hour secret session, the Constituent Assembly voted to condemn 22 members of the former Arroyo del Rio government, ousted by a popular uprising last summer, to prison and fines amounting to over three million sucre (\$225,000).

Heaviest punishment is meted ex-President Carlos Arroyo del Rio and several of his cabinet members. In addition to prison terms and heavy fines, these are to suffer loss of citizenship rights and confiscation of property.

Carlos Arroyo del Rio, it will be recalled, was overthrown last May in an almost bloodless revolution. At that time, the exiled leader of the Democratic Alliance, Velasco Ibarra, returned from Colombia and was backed enthusiastically by the people.

Meetings of the President Jose Maria Velasco Ibarra's cabinet with leaders of all political parties—Communist, Liberal, Conservative, National Democratic, Revolutionary Vanguard and National Revolutionary—are now being held to "discuss fundamental national problems."

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## LOWDOWN

Bob Dill Fulfils  
His Ambition—Almost

Nat Low

A hockey player is a hockey player is a hockey player.

Which means, quite automatically, that he likes to fight with his fists almost as much as he likes to push a frozen puck around a rink. Pushing a puck around a rink may sound like a silly thing but there are people who get paid for it. Really.

Anyway, fighting is an integral part of hockey. Indeed, there was a time when the customers felt cheated if a game went by without a major blood-letting.

In recent years, however, the check-and-double-check boys have tapered off their tempers somewhat and have done more playing than fighting. Not that they have become sissies or anything of the like, but they manage to keep their mayhem confined to the legal limits set by the rules. And if you've seen hockey at the Garden you well know the rules are as elastic as prewar rubberbands.

The Rangers, them lovely heroes in blue who carry on with such abject ineptness week after week, have always been one of the rougher teams in the game. In other and better days the Rangers could not only score two goals to your one but could get in two left hooks plus a right cross before you could say, "Come now, leave us not be rowdies."

Of the current Blueshirts only two have any pride in the old and hallowed tradition of the team. They are Phil Watson and Robert Dill. Mons. Watson doesn't particularly care who he fights as long as he fights. Last week in Montreal he took on practically the entire Canadian lineup, some singly, a few in pairs and a couple of trios thrown in. From the reports the censors allowed to seep over the border, Flery Phillips didn't do too badly—nor did he exactly shape up as a threat to Joe Louis' crown. But it was a fight, at least, and made things seem like the olden days.

Brother Dill, who happens to be a nephew of Mike and Tom Gibbons, decided upon hockey rather than the prize ring by the simple process of tossing a coin and crying, "Heads is hockey." It came up heads and dubious Dill was wearing skates instead of black or purple trunks.

Much to belting Bob's surprise, he discovered it was possible to combine his two loves on the ice. Thus, he was playing hockey and also doing some hitting with the hands. In the minors he was known as the bad boy of the league for whenever he thought he was being unjustly treated he dropped his stick and waded in, flailing away right merrily.

Dill came up to the Rangers last year and made a hit almost immediately, if not sooner. He got into a number of scraps, but all minor things in which nothing but a few choice words about the origin of his family tree were used. You can imagine how Robert must have fretted through all this inactivity. Here he was, the bad boy of the minors, and without a single real occasion to prove it.

Dill's letters home must have been sorrowful notes about the dullness of big league hockey. But ever the perseverer, rough and ready Robert kept looking for his big chance.

It came Sunday at the Garden with the Canadiens as hosts.

The game started off with that certain electric tension which almost invariably explodes into a major fracas. This one was no exception. In the middle of the second period with the Canadiens leading 3-1, as you would expect, Chuck Scherza of the Rangers ran into Emile Bouchard of the Canadiens and decided they didn't like one another's forbears, among other things.

Within a wonderfully short time they were at each other with their fists and in a few seconds almost every player on the ice had selected a sparring partner and fists were being thrown as often as coming out parties on Park Avenoo. But where was Mr. Dill, the dynamiter? Ah, there he was, a huge grin on his face! happy that his big moment had finally arrived. Now everybody would know his prowess.

His battle cry could be heard above the din. He skated swiftly over to the nearest Canadian, said, "Sir, may I have this belt?" and promptly let one fly ala Maxie Baer. What happened then few of you will believe. For, you see, the man Robert had selected was none other than Maurice Richard who is not only big but has strong muscles and a jaw big enough to hang your hat on.

With high glee Richard saw Dill coming at him. He simply took one step backward to get leverage and then brought over a hammer right to Dill's ample button. Down went McGinty—er, Dill. And up he came a moment later. In came Mons. Richard with another, right, a left, a right, a left, a right. If this sounds repetitious, think of how Dill felt. All in all Robert got it, but good. Not only on the ice but in the penalty box a few minutes later when he decided to resume the fracas. This time, to his other souvenirs he added a puffed lip and a cut eye.

So that's the story of Robert Dill and his ambition.

And wasn't it Shakespeare or somebody who once said, "He who lives by the fist shall get clipped on the button?"

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## THE ROUNDUP

The Chicago Black Hawks beat the Detroit Red Wings 2-1 Sunday and as a result went into a tie for fifth place with the Rangers, who lost to the Canadiens, 4-1. The Rangers just haven't got it after the opening minutes of play and unless some new talent makes itself known they will finish in the cellar again.

The Dodgers will return to Bear Mountain this spring for their training stay and will have use of the huge West Point indoor gym, one of the finest things of its kind in the country.

Buff Donell, coach of the pro grid Cleveland Rams, warns that unless measures are taken to "stop the pugilistic penchant of the Chicago Bears, some club is going to retaliate and the carnage will be something to behold." Donell claimed the Bears got away with a lot of pier six stuff this season at the expense of the rest of the league.

Corp. Billy Conn and his troupe of boxers touring Army bases in Britain, France and Italy rescued an American fighter pilot from his burning plane in Italy, it was disclosed yesterday.

The plane crashed in a swamp. Conn and other boxers riding in a jeep fought through the flames and dragged out the unconscious pilot.

Eddie Shore, one of the great figures of hockey, was fined \$100 yesterday for using language "unbecoming a gentleman" during a game with the Hershey Bears. Shore is manager of the Buffalo Bisons.

Dartmouth's basketball team, which meets St. John's a week from Saturday, was impressive beating Penn Saturday night, 50-35. The Indians were in last year's NCAA tourney and were beaten by Utah in an overtime game, 42-40.

### 11 A.M. TO NOON

11:00 WEAF—Road of Life  
WOR—News; Talk; Music  
WJZ—Breakfast with Breneman  
WABC—Amanda—Sketch  
WQXR—Alma Dettinger—Talk  
11:15 WEAF—Rosemary—Sketch  
WOR—Star Parade  
WABC—Second Husband  
11:30 WEAF—Star Playhouse  
WOR—Quiz Wizard  
WJZ—News; Jack Berch, Songs  
WABC—Bright Horizon  
WQXR—Concert Music  
11:45 WEAF—David Harum  
WOR—Tube's Topics  
WABC—Aunt Jenny's Stories

### NOON TO 2 P.M.

12:00 WEAF—News Reports  
WOR—News; Music  
WJZ—Glamor Manor  
WABC—News; Kate Smith's Chat  
12:15 WEAF—Talk—Maggi McNellis  
WABC—Big Sister  
11:30 WEAF—Army Air Forces Band  
WOR—News; Bundy's Album  
WJZ—News; Farm-Home Makers  
WABC—Helen Trent  
12:45 WABC—Our Gal Sunday  
1:00 WEAF—Mary Margaret McBride  
WOR—Roy Williams, Songs  
WJZ—H. B. Winkler, News  
WABC—Life Can Be Beautiful  
1:15 WOR—Terry's House Party  
WJZ—Women's Exchange Program  
WABC—Ma Perkins  
1:30 WOR—Phil Britton, Songs  
WABC—Bernardine Flynn, News  
1:45 WEAF—Morgan Beatty, News  
WOR—American Women's Jury  
WJZ—Galen Drake  
WABC—The Goldbergs

### 2 P.M. TO 6 P.M.

2:00 WEAF—The Guiding Light  
WOR—News; Talk—Jane Cowl  
WJZ—Walter Kiernan, News  
WABC—Joyce Jordan, M.D.  
2:15 WEAF—Today's Children  
WJZ—Galen Drake  
WABC—Two on a Clue  
2:30 WEAF—Women in White  
WOR—News; Detective Mysteries  
WJZ—Ladies, Be Seated  
WABC—Young Dr. Malone  
WQXR—Request Music  
2:45 WEAF—Hymns of All Churches  
WABC—Pete Mason  
3:00 WEAF—A Woman of America  
WOR—Martha Deane Program  
WJZ—Jerry Cooper, Songs  
WABC—Mary Martin  
3:15 WEAF—Ma Perkins  
WJZ—Appointment with Life  
WABC—Tens and Tims  
WMCA—Adrian Rollini Trio  
3:30 WEAF—Pepper Young  
WOR—Talk—John Gambling  
WABC—The High Places  
3:45 WEAF—Right to Happiness  
WJZ—Studio Music  
WABC—Bob Trout, News  
4:00 WEAF—Backstage Wife  
WOR—News; Jay Johnson, Songs  
WJZ—Westbrook Van Voorhis, News  
WABC—It's Maritime  
WMCA—News; Ray Smith, Songs  
4:15 WEAF—Stella Dallas  
WJZ—Stamford High School A Capella Choir

## Met Cage Rankings; St. John's, NYU, LIU

By PHIL GORDON

This is the last slow week of the basketball season, with only one twin bill scheduled, the Saturday night meetings between St. John's and Puerto Rico and LIU vs. DePaul. Now that all the met teams have shown at least once in the Garden we'll take this opportunity to rate the teams on the form they've shown to date.

(1) St. John's: The Indians, rated behind NYU in pre-season predictions, have once again exhibited the tight defense and alert offense that wins close games. There is not as much natural ability among the Indians as among the Violets, but better coaching plus greater resourcefulness in tight spots makes for the difference. Hy Gotkin and Bill Kotsos are the key men of the team but Ray Werth and much-improved Ivy Summer are no dead weights.

(2) NYU: A disappointing defeat to an inferior Oklahoma Aggie club revealed old weaknesses despite terrific speed, condition and shooting ability. The Violets have a tendency to lose command of the game when the going gets tough although Sid Tanenbaum and Al Grenert are no green hands. Presence of awkward, inept Herb Walsh hurts team great deal. Alvin Most, big freshmen, biggest surprise. Flops to date are Grenert and Howie Sarah. But they'll get untracked soon.

(3) LIU: The Blackbirds started with practically nothing, but Ed Wolfe has done a splendid job of coaching. Veteran Les Rothman plus freshmen Carl Meinhold, Elmer Benyak and Lou Goldstein are among best rookies in met area. The Blackbirds have under-the-basket height and plenty of speed. Lost its Garden opener to Valparaiso but figures

### Hagg to Wed Frisco Lass on Trip Here

Dorothy Nortier, 20, said yesterday she hopes to marry Gunnar Hagg, Sweden's champion distance runner, "some time in April in San Francisco," presumably at the conclusion of his forthcoming American tour.

"We'll probably live in Sweden—Malmo—and raise lots of children," she said.

Mike Nortier, restaurateur, Mike Nortier, restauranteur, works for her father as a waitress.

Hagg frequently sends her presents and writes "ardent letters in Swedish," she said. Her mother, a native of Sweden, taught her the language.

to improve rapidly. Dark horse of the city.

(4) City College: The Beavers always look good—when they are passing the ball around. But sometimes they become too cute for their own good and only waste energy by their pretty displays. Hal Korovin a much improved player and young Sid Finger, AYD member from the Bronx, among city's freshmen stars.

(5) Brooklyn College: Tubby Raskin has done a good job with little material on hand. Kingsmen have plenty of fight and will pull a couple of upsets before they are through this season.

(6) St. Francis: Unfortunately not even a good high school team this year. A sad, sad season.

## RADIO

WRC—970 Kc.  
WEAF—970 Kc.  
WOR—710 Kc.  
WJZ—770 Kc.  
WNYC—830 Kc.  
WABC—880 Kc.  
WINS—1000 Kc.

WEVD—1230 Kc.  
WNEW—1150 Kc.  
WLIR—1190 Kc.  
WMEN—1350 Kc.  
WQXR—1500 Kc.  
WBEN—1550 Kc.  
WQXR—1550 Kc.

8:15 WOR—Sunny Skylar, Songs  
WJZ—Lam and Abner  
8:30 WEAF—Date with Judy  
WOR—Roy Rogers Show  
WJZ—Alan Young Show  
WABC—Play—Casablanca  
8:55 WABC—Bill Henry, News

### 9 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT

9:00 WEAF—Mystery Theater  
WOR—Gabe Heatter, News  
WJZ—Gracie Field Show  
WABC—Burns and Allen, Comedy  
WMCA—News; Newspaper Guild  
WQXR—Worldwide News Review  
9:15 WOR—Real Stories  
WQXR—Salon de Musique  
9:30 WEAF—Fibber McGee and Molly  
WOR—American Forum  
WJZ—Spotlight Band  
WABC—This Is My Best  
WQXR—Music Festival  
9:45 WMCA—Competitive Enterprise—Justice Thurman Arnold of U. S. Court of Appeals  
9:55 WJZ—Short Story  
WQXR—News; Record Album  
10:00 WEAF—Bob Hope, Comedian  
WJZ—Raymond Gram Swings  
WABC—Service to the Front  
10:15 WOR—Paul Schubert, News  
WJZ—Andy Russell Show  
10:30 WEAF—Hildegard, Songs  
WOR—The Symphonette  
WJZ—Let Yourself Go  
WABC—Congress Speaks  
WMCA—Frank Kingdon, News  
WQXR—Talk—Lester Velle  
10:45 WABC—Behind the Scenes at CBS  
WMCA—Musical Encores  
WQXR—Intermezzo  
10:50 WQXR—News; Just Music  
11:00 WEAF, WOR—News; Music  
WABC, WJZ—News; Music  
11:05 WJZ—William S. Galimore  
11:30 WEAF—Words at War—Sketch  
WJZ—Metropolitan Opera, U.S.A.  
WABC—Casey, Press Photographer  
12:00 WEAF, WABC—News; Music  
WJZ, WMCA—News; Music  
WQXR—News Reports

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# 'Adano' Screenplay Faithful to Novel

By MILDRED FLEMING

HOLLYWOOD.—Adano—the little Italian village that lost its bell—has come to life out on the 20-Fox back lot. A couple of minutes' driving from Santa Monica boulevard and there is the Italian village and the harbor with the fishing boats. The buildings are bomb-torn, the streets are covered with rubble. When the famous crew of the bomber "Bolivar" visited the set, all they could say was "Sure looks like we'd dropped a load on it."

There was the city hall with the empty bell-tower where Major Joppolo had his office—the church where he almost forgot to go to mass—and Quattrochi's house where the farewell party was held. Everything is according to John Hersey—down to the brass knockers on the doors and the ovens in the bakery. Remember the bread-line scene where Gargano, the police chief, gets his first lesson in democracy?

In the same spirit that made "Woodrow Wilson" a faithful reproduction of a man and a period. Henry King is creating "A Bell for Adano," and it doesn't look as though anyone who read the book could criticize the Hollywood version.

Behind the massive table-in Major Joppolo's office sat John Hodiak, who plays the role, and facing him were the officials—Hugo Haas as Father Pensovecchi, Fortunio Bonanova in the imposing uniform of Chief of Police Gargano, Luis Alberni as Cacopardi the sulphur merchant, Eduardo Cianelli as the mayor, Charles LaTorre as the town crier Mercurio.

The scene was being rehearsed. With the thoroughness and quiet business-like manner that marks everything he does, Henry King was discussing the action with Hodiak and the rest, illustrating what he meant by a bit of acting now and then. For King was once a screen actor himself, back in the days when he was co-starring with Baby Marie Osborne at the old Pathé studio in Balboa. Before that he had toured with stock companies, circuses, vaudeville and burlesque troupes.

Several rehearsals—and then King said: "Roll 'em," and the cameraman went into action. It was all a business-like calm procedure, and no one was in doubt as to what King wanted and no one was afraid to



Meet Cantinflas, Mexico's outstanding comic actor. He is now in Hollywood working at RKO Studios on his first American film, at present titled *The Magnificent Tramp*. In private life the pantomimist is Mario Moreno.

make suggestions.

Reminiscing about the past, King stressed how much he owed to the writers of the screenplays that he directed. "It's a big thing for me," he said of his association with Lamar Trotti, who has written the screenplays for "Alexander's Ragtime Band" and "Woodrow Wilson" as well as "A Bell for Adano."

King went on to contrast this picture of a democratic government in the making with "Wilson" as a picture of an established democracy. "Joppolo didn't talk much about democracy—the loudest talkers sometimes are not the most democratic even though they are always using the word. You can't have a democracy by just talking about it, though it is true it must be guided. Joppolo is a man of action, and it is his idea to make these people as self-sufficient as possible, to re-establish free enterprise as he knew it at home. You know Italy under fascism was probably even more regimented than Germany."

Over four million adult Americans—men and women, black and white—saw the United Auto Workers' motion picture *Hellbent for Election*, according to William H. Levitt, director of the Education Department of the UAW-CIO. The picture was produced under the direction of the Education Department and was distributed in conjunction with Brandon Films, Inc., specialists in 16mm film distribution.

*Hellbent for Election*, a color animated sound cartoon featuring the song hit *Gotta Get Out* and *Vote* written by Earl Robinson and E. Y. Harburg, was circulated in meetings of all types including trade union, community, election gatherings and by roadshow to theaterless towns. Highest number of showings and audience attendance were in the states considered "border-line or doubtful": Michigan, Ohio, Illinois, Pennsylvania, New York and Massachusetts. With a limited number of copies at hand, due to the raw film stock shortage, roadshow tours were planned for mining, steel, shipbuilding, auto and farming towns. Projectionists who traveled with the film report that the film helped achieve larger meetings and also high enthusiasm and good spirit. The theme song was sung by Judy Garland on the Democratic National Committee's final big net-work radio program Nov. 6.

One auto local, it is reported, with a membership of only 6,000 in Detroit, arranged to show the film to 95,000 people in the community. Oddest showing reported was the projection of the film on the wall of the main office building of the General Motors Corp. in Detroit.

## Complete Works Of Thomas Paine

The Citadel Press announces for March, 1945, publication *The Complete Writings of Thomas Paine* in two volumes, edited with notes by Philip S. Foner, Ph.D.

One volume will include *The American Crisis*, *Common Sense*, *Rights of Man*, *Agrarian Justice* and *Age of Reason*.

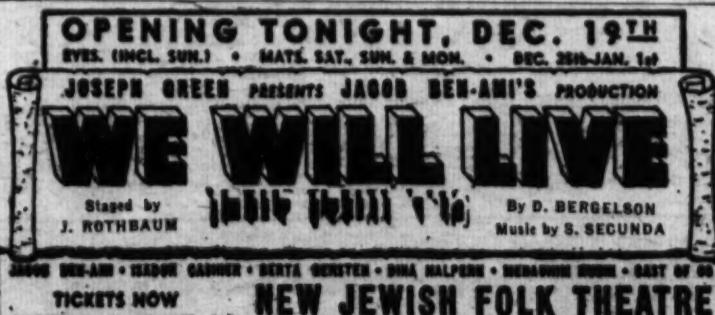
The other includes political articles, theological essays, public letters and personal correspondence, etc.

The books contain all available Paine material, much of which is published here for the first time.

## 'The Soviet Spirit' New Int'l Book

The Soviet Spirit, a study of incentives in the Soviet Union, by Dr. Harry F. Ward, Professor Emeritus of Christian Ethics, Union Theological Seminary, will be issued by International Publishers in January, 1945.

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# Auto Workers' Election Movie Reached Four Million People

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## COOPERATION OF PAC

General distribution outside of the UAW locals, under Brandon Films, Inc., enlisted the cooperation of the CIO Political Action Committee and its regional offices, and many of the member Internationals of the CIO including Textile Workers of America, Shipbuilders, Farm Equipment, Packing House, Cannery and Agricultural Workers and others. AFL locals showed the film in 21 cities. The unions used the film as part of their educational campaign to stress the importance of registration and voting.

Tours were arranged by the National Fraternal Committee for the Re-Election of FDR and by various organizations on a state and county level who were concerned with the need for getting out the vote.

## NATION-WIDE SERVICE POINTS

In key cities from Boston to Seattle, Brandon Films' regional service points made copies of the film, projection equipment and operators available on short notice. Where

## New Asch Album Of New York Jazz

Asch Recording Studio, 117 W. 46th St., New York City, has just released an album of New York Jazz with James P. Johnson, eminent jazz pianist, composer and orchestrator.

Supporting Johnson in this album are four men well-known in the jazz field. George "Pop" Foster, the grand old man of string bass, Eddie Dougherty, the rhythmic young drummer, Al Casey, great guitarist, Frank Newton, trumpeter, who need no introduction to jazz followers.

The six sides records are a study in the history of New York jazz covering the era of Harlem rent parties in the early twenties to the present day. The first two sides are the background and trace the end of the 19th century Harlem jazz in Euphonics Sounds played solo and The Dream played with a group. The second two sides belong to the period of the Harlem Cabaret era, Hesitation Blues and Four O'Clock Groove. Hot Harlem and the Boogie Dream on the third record brings us to modern times with its complicated and diversified technique of music.

The album cover is designed by David Stone Martin and the accompanying booklet is written by the jazz authority Charles E. Smith.

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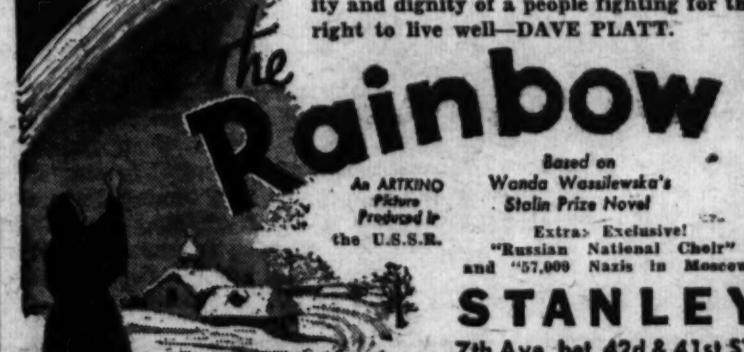
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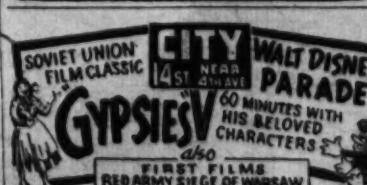
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## Late Bulletins

# Supreme Court Outlaws Unions' Anti-Negro Bias

By Federated Press

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—In twin opinions coulpy by a sharply concurring one by Justice Frank Murphy, the U. S. Supreme Court today said that railroad unions must give of an opportunity for hearing upon its proposed action.

The opinion reversed the action of the Alabama Court, and remanded the case for further proceedings in line with the Supreme Court's opinion.

Operating under the Federal Railway Labor Act.

The principal case involved Bester W. Steele, a Negro fireman on the Louisville & Nashville Railroad in Alabama.

Steele and other Negroes are barred from membership in the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen by constitutional provision, although the union is recognized as the bargaining representative of all the employees under a contract with the railroad.

As a result of a series of actions by the Brotherhood and the railroad, Steele was replaced by a white fireman with less seniority and no more competence.

The Supreme Court of Alabama found that Steele had no cause for action and the case came to Washington on appeal.

Chief Justice Harlan F. Stone, writing the court's opinion, said:

"We think that Congress, in enacting the Railway Labor Act and authorizing a labor union, chosen by a majority of a craft, to represent the craft, did not intend to confer plenary power upon the union to sacrifice, for the benefit of its members, rights of the minority of the craft, without imposing on it any duty to protect the minority."

He found that the union chosen was picked to represent all of the craft's members "regardless of their union affiliation or want of them."

Stone's opinion also said that wherever necessary "the union is required to consider requests of non-union members of the craft and express their views with respect

to collective bargaining with the employer, and to give them notice of an opportunity for hearing upon its proposed action."

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### MURPHY'S OPINION

Justice Murphy, concurring, said:

"The economic discrimination against Negro practices by the Brotherhood and the railroad under color of Congressional authority raises a grave constitutional issue that should be squarely faced.

"The utter disregard for the dignity and the well-being of colored citizens shown by this record is so pronounced as to demand the invocation of constitutional condemnation. To decide the case and to analyze the statute solely upon the basis of legal niceties, while remaining mute and placid as to the obvious and oppressive deprivation of constitutional guarantees, is to make judicial function less than it should be."

Murphy wound up his opinion, saying "the constitution voices its disapproval whenever economic discrimination is applied under authority of law against any race, creed or color. A sound democracy cannot allow such discrimination to go unchallenged. Racism is far too virulent today to permit the slightest refusal, in the light of a constitution that abhors it, to expose an abomination wherever it appears in the course of statutory interpretation."

A similar case with Tom Tunstall, Negro fireman of Norfolk, Va., as petitioner, against the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, was also sent back to the lower court. Tunstall is employed by the Norfolk & Southern Railroad.

## ELAS Attacks Athens Prison, Forces British Evacuation

ATHENS, Dec. 18 (UPI).—Greek ELAS troops attacked the Aeron prison for political offenders early today and forced the British-Papandreou government garrison to evacuate with the prisoners.

The ELAS attacked the prison at about 3 a.m. They also attacked an RAF Athens headquarters.

After 12½ hours, British forces withdrew under protection of fire from tanks, which sprayed machine gun and 75-mm projectiles into windows of nearby ELAS-held buildings.

About 920 were in custody when the fighting began.

The British seized ELAS strongholds in the hills around the Acropolis and opened the road from Athens to Paliou Bay and Piraeus.

Harold Macmillan, British Resident Minister for the Middle East, continued conference with the Papandreou government on a possible regency.

The Aeron prison held John Rhallis, Greek puppet premier during the German occupation and members of his cabinet.

## B-29s Blast Nagoya, Hankow

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (UPI).—Superfortresses of the twin 21st and 20th Bomber Commands struck today at Nagoya, Japan's third city and chief airplane production center, and at Hankow.

It was believed up to 100 Superforts took part in each attack.

While the 21st Bomber Com-

mand planes of Brig. Haywood S. Hensell Jr., based on Saipan, were attacking Nagoya, where the Hatsumi aircraft plant is the main target, the 20th China-based Command planes attacked Hankow in clear bombing weather at midday. Docks and storage facilities were the targets at Hankow.

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New York, Tuesday, December 19, 1944



The banner carried in this funeral ceremony in Athens was painted with the blood of members of the ELAS who fell fighting for their country. The procession kneels in the street outside the old Royal Palace in the Greek capital, in mourning for 23 slain patriots.

## The Veteran Commander

### THE GERMAN COUNTER-THRUST

THE Germans are attempting a fairly large scale counter-thrust along the historic direction where their armies crashed through in 1914 and 1940. This is the Eiffel-Ardennes direction between the Maastricht appendix of Holland and the valley of the Moselle. The thrust is developing south of our salient on the Roer (Dueren-Juelich) and has hit the "dead" sector between the right flank of Gen. Hodges' First Army and the left flank of Gen. Patton's Third Army.

The Germans came down from the Eiffel mountains along their northwestern slopes and have crashed into Luxembourg and Belgium.

The Allied High Command has thrown a veil of operational secrecy over the developments, and therefore, it is rather difficult to get a clear picture of what is going on.

We know that the enemy is using all the traps of a "blitz" offensive—"hundreds" of tanks and planes, parachutists, etc.

However, this convulsion somehow reminds us of the pathetic comeback of an operatic prima donna who has lost her voice, but who has invested her last savings in a glittering costume, has hired a press-agent and has splurged in noisy ads in the papers.

It is clear—and it is certainly clear to Rundstedt—that the Germans cannot achieve any kind of strategic success with a few carefully husbanded tank and infantry divisions against the might of the Allies. So what are they after? They are after a moral success (the kind of thing which consoles the prima donna when she sees that the box-office is empty, which is usually called "success d'estime"). The moral success of clearing German territory and, maybe, recapturing Aachen.

The initial German success can probably be explained by the surprise created by the flare-up of fighting on a long dormant sector and by our weighting the Roer and Saar sectors to the left and right of it. There is little doubt that the German thrust will be countered not only by frontal counter-action, but by a large scale maneuver into which Gen. Eisenhower will probably throw some of his strategic reserves. Such a maneuver might develop on the British-Canadian front as well as in the U. S.

Ninth Army sector. The valley of the Moselle seems to offer another opportunity.

Absolute composure in the face of this military convulsion of the enemy is in order, as far as we are concerned. Without even attempting to state things of which we know practically nothing, we might venture the suggestion that maybe von Rundstedt is doing precisely what Eisenhower wanted him to do in the first place, i. e.—come out with his precious reserves into the forefield of the great Rhine bridgehead, outside the permanent fortifications of the Siegfried Line.

The comeback of the German prima donna seems to afford an opportunity to drive her off the stage for good. We feel certain that Eisenhower will take care of that in due time.

SOVIET troops are pressing against the defenses of Budapest and now the Germans are so hemmed in east of the Danube that their ability to maneuver around Pest is greatly restricted.

To the northeast, Marshal Malinovsky is advancing on the Slovak rail junctions of Frelak (Plikovo) and Lucinec from south and east.

The envelopment of Kosice by Malinovsky and Petrov is proceeding apace. An important, and hardly noticed, development here is the fact that Soviet troops have at last cleared the through railway which runs from Kiev and Lvov via the Lupkow Pass to Miskolc and Budapest. This is a double track trunk line—the most important in this area. The Germans hung on desperately to its section near Tokay, but have been ousted.

IN ITALY Faenza has been captured by New Zealand troops of the Eighth Army.

OUR troops have enlarged their beachhead on Mindoro to a depth of 11 miles without encountering any opposition worth mentioning.

On Leyte the enemy has been almost completely squeezed into the hatchet-shaped cape west of the Limon-Ormoc road.

However, the possibility of the appearance of the Japanese Navy for another showdown west of Mindoro is by no means excluded.

